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Paul J. McNulty, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, announced that United States District Judge Henry E. Hudson today sentenced Peter Robert Jordan, age 53, and Arthur Lorenzo Gordon, age 28, both of Richmond, to life imprisonment plus an additional 84 months' incarceration.

On November 8, 2005, a federal jury convicted Jordan and Gordon of murder while engaged in drug trafficking, conspiracy to use and carry a firearm during and in relation to a drug trafficking crime, and possession of a firearm in furtherance of drug trafficking. Jordan was also found guilty of participating in a conspiracy to distribute "crack" cocaine. The charges arose from the defendants' role in the murder of Dwayne Tabon, age 22, who was found severely burned on September 14, 2001, at a residence in Richmond. Tabon died ten days later at MCV hospital.

The sentencing concludes an investigation by the Richmond Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration that also resulted in the conviction and sentencing of Hamadi Miller, aka "Money," and Jacqueline Jordan. Miller pled guilty on July 31, 2003, to participating in a conspiracy to use and carry firearms during drug trafficking. He was sentenced to 151 months' imprisonment. Jacqueline Jordan, sister of Peter Jordan, and formerly a part-time substitute teacher in the City of Richmond, pled guilty on December 30, 2003, to obstruction of justice and possession of a firearm by an unlawful drug user. She was sentenced to 97 months' imprisonment on April 13, 2004.

Miller and Jacqueline Jordan admitted that they were part of a plan conceived by Gordon and Peter Jordan to rob Dwayne Tabon, who was a drug dealer, of his drugs. The plan involved luring Tabon to an apartment in Richmond, where he was jumped by Gordon, Peter Jordan, and Miller. The three robbed Tabon and bound him with duct tape. Peter Jordan and Gordon then placed Tabon, who was still alive, in the trunk of Jacqueline Jordan's car and drove to a residence in Richmond, Virginia. At that location, Gordon and Peter Jordan beat Tabon on the head, ultimately fracturing his skull, doused him with gasoline, and then lit him on fire, leaving him to die.

After Gordon and Peter Jordan left, Tabon managed to free himself and, while engulfed in flames, staggered to a nearby house, and tried to extinguish his burning body. Neighbors called for an ambulance and Tabon was taken to a hospital with severe burns over 90% of his body.

Tabon died on September 24, 2001, as a result of the injuries he sustained in the attack by Gordon and Jordan.

Also announcing the sentencing are: James Gregorius, Assistant Special Agent-in-Charge, Drug Enforcement Administration; and Col. Rodney Monroe, Chief, Richmond Police Department.

The case was investigated by agents of the Drug Enforcement Administration and the Richmond Police Department and was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney, Roderick C. Young and Special Assistant United States Attorney, Matthew Ackley, who is also an Assistant Attorney General for the Commonwealth of Virginia.

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